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Civil War? Lincoln opposed emancipation until the historic moment demanded it. Is Wilson waiting for a like overwhelming demand for emancipation from militarism?

Can the combatant nations of Europe be intrusted to enforce disarmament at the end of hostilities? Could Lincoln have freed the slaves without armies? Can the neutral nations hope to secure disarmament without armed intervention?

Secession roused the North to indomitable battle. Will the neutral nations feebly stand aside for mad conquering nations to decide the fate of disarmament? With drawn sword the Federation of the World must establish the Parliament of Man.

C. ALLISON.

CINCINNATI.

GERMANS AND BELGIANS

SIR,—As a regular reader of *THE REVIEW* I believe that I express the sentiment of a large number of your subscribers in stating that an article such as that appearing in the November number under the title of "War," and written by a "peace-at-any-price" advocate, does much more harm than any articles published by German professors in our large universities in defense of "The Fatherland," and which have called forth severe criticism and denunciation from some of our leading magazines.

Though to my mind I do not see how any one can doubt the fact that Prussian militarism was directly responsible for this war, still, for the sake of argument, let us admit, as your correspondent says, that we in the United States do not know where to place the blame for this great world catastrophe; let us admit all this and turn to the question of little Belgium.

For if our correspondent is consistent he will censure and criticize the Belgians for having entered into this war at all, when they might have secured peace to themselves by simply allowing the Germans to march through their country unopposed. He would certainly have called this the most honorable way, and if his doctrine is right the people of the United States are doing wrong in extending aid to the starving Belgians on account of a war which they deliberately brought upon themselves.

Our "peace-at-any-price" advocates would have made admirable Tories in the days of the Revolution, and some years later would have been willing to have allowed the curse of slavery to spread all over the United States in order to avoid strife. They certainly would have never furnished us with a Washington or a Lincoln. But why continue the argument?

I will conclude with the statement that I am not a Roosevelt man, as you might suppose, for I voted for Wilson two years ago, and expect to vote for him again.

REED BABCOCK.

SHELDON, IOWA.

APPRECIATION

SIR,—Having given some study to the question of international amity, and familiar with the various phases of the movement as pertaining to the Western Hemisphere in particular, I wish to say few writings on the subject in recent years have afforded me as much pleasure as your editorial in the current number of *THE REVIEW*.